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SUBJECT: REACTION TO BERGER REPORT

1. V.L. HORTE, PRESIDENT, ARCTIC GAS, TORONTO, EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT SEVERITY OF BERGER CRITICISM OF ARCTIC PROPOSAL AND NOT UNEXPECTEDLY DISAGREED WITH BERGER'S MAJOR CONCLUSIONS. EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT BROADER CONSIDERATION OF NATIONAL INTEREST (E.G. EMPLOYMENT IMPLICATIONS) WOULD ENABLE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO FIND A WAY TO APPROVE THE ARCTIC PROJECT.

2. JOHN L. STOIK, PRESIDENT, GULF OIL, CANADA, TORONTO, SAID ANY DELAY IN APPROVAL OF THE ARCTIC PROJECT BEYOND THE END OF 1977 WOULD MEAN "IRREVOCABLE DAMAGE TO CANADA" AND WOULD "VIRTUALLY GUARANTEE AN ENERGY CRUNCH FOR SOUTHERN CANADIANS BY THE MID-1980'S WHILE DEPRIVING NORTHERNERS OF THE CHOICE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE BENEFITS OF A SUBSTANTIAL WAGE ECONOMY."

3. INITIAL EDITORIAL REACTION OF NATIONALIST TORONTO STAR WAS CAUTIOUS, SAYING THAT PIPELINES MUST BE CONSIDERED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF AN OVERALL ENERGY POLICY WHICH IS STILL LACKING
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IN CANADA.

4. "NO EASY WAY OUT ON ENERGY" SAYS LEAD EDITORIAL IN WEEKLY FINANCIAL POST. IF CANADA OPTS FOR ALCAN ROUTE, "IT IS DOUBTFUL IF THE DELTA'S GAS WOULD EVER BE MOVED SOUTH." OTTAWA MUST FACE THIS ISSUE HEAD ON: "ISSUES LIKE THESE WON'T GO AWAY JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE IGNORED."

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